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Richard A. Hyde, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Austin, Texas 78753

RE: No Action Assurance Extension for the Loading of Tank Fuel Trucks at Petroleum
Distribution Terminals in Texas

Dear Director Hyde:

This letter is in response to the need for an extension of the September 15, 2017, No Action Assurance (NAA) to facilitate the continued distribution of fuel to the areas of Texas and Louisiana that continue to be impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Specifically, because the shipment to some areas of critically needed fuel supplies is still hindered by damage to infrastructure and flooding, it is necessary to continue to rely on tanker trucks in order to distribute fuel to these areas. I understand that because of the large number of tanker trucks needed to provide an adequate supply of fuel to these areas, some tanker trucks are not registered with distribution terminals as having completed all of the requisite testing for tank tightness and have the documentation to prove it as required by the Clean Air Act's New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), and by the parallel provisions of the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The need for this NAA extension is to address the ongoing severe fuel shortages that have resulted from damage caused by Hurricane Harvey to the fuel distribution systems in Texas and Louisiana. In light of this emergency situation, EPA will provide an extension of its discretion not to pursue enforcement for violations of the tank tightness and documentation requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Subpart XX, 40 C.F.R. Part 63, Subpart R, and 30 Tex. Admin. Code sections 115.234-.235.

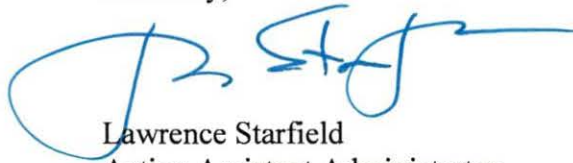
The extension of the September 15, 2017, NAA will terminate on September 29, 2017, at 11:59 PM CDT. EPA reserves the right to revoke or modify the NAA if the EPA believes that such action is necessary to protect public health and the environment. This NAA does not apply to any other federal requirements that may apply to regulated activities other than those listed above.

As a condition of this no action assurance extension, tank truck owners and operators shall ensure that all trucks meet all other relevant Federal and state safety standards. Nothing in this NAA extension is intended to override state or local authorities.

The issuance of an extension of the September 15, 2017, NAA is in the public interest. Through today's NAA extension, the EPA is continuing its commitment to address the very difficult circumstances caused by Hurricane Harvey.

If you have any questions about this NAA extension, please contact Phillip A. Brooks, at 202-564-0652 or brooks.phillip@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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